

May 10, 1983

LB 210, 356A

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed. Motion carried. LB 356A is advanced. I guess we go back to #10 on the other side of the page to Motions. Correction. We are going back to LB 210 on Select File.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first...I have E & R amendments that need to be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, LB 210. LB 210, Senator.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 210.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed no. The motion carried. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment from Senator DeCamp who has been excused for the balance of the day. I then, Mr. President, have an amendment by Senator Fowler to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler, are you available?

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, the amendment that I filed was provided to me after visiting further with Bankers Life and their staff with regards to maintaining as minimal a fiscal cost on this bill as possible. The original amendment that was drafted, it dealt with, that I provided, the technical amendment that deals with how you allocate the retirement benefit. It was kind of based on an assumption that the current economic conditions are pretty much maintained including interest rates. Well Bankers Life posed the question that a decline in interest rates might also, therefore, lead to a decline or would lead to a decline in the purchase values on annuities, purchase rates and, therefore, it was their suggestion to take the language that we had that guaranteed a certain benefit for the years earned before January 1, '84, and recognized in that the possibility that for future years the purchase rate, whether it was the unisex or male rate might drop. Therefore, all this does, it takes the language that dealt with the benefits earned prior to January 1, 1984, the effective date, still maintain those at the male rate. Whether you are female or male you would receive at the male rate. However, it says basically it would be the male rate in effect at the date of retirement. Currently the bill as written says the male rate in effect as of this year. If interest rates were to drop, which some people say